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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 5, 2007. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two-month extension of time, setting a new time for response to Monday, March 5, 2007.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.